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Amendments to the Abstract:

In the English translation document, please add the abstract at page 14 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

In one aspect, a circuit arrangement and associated method for the authentication of a network subscriber is provided. A digital certificate is stored as a resource in the P2P network. The data can then be provided for the other network subscriber, when the network subscriber(s) are offline or can not be reached for other reasons. It is also possible to encode data which is specific for other network units and file said data in a protective manner for the P2P network.--

A clean copy of the Abstract that incorporates the above amendments is provided herewith on a separate page.